

## REMARKS


Consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 31-48 are pending in the application subsequent to entry of the above amendments. Claims 1-30 have been canceled. Claim 37 has been amended and claim 48 has been added to remove a multiple dependency. The specification has been amended to indicate the history of the present application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

The pending claims, 31-48, represent non-elected Group II as set forth in the Restriction Requirement in the parent case, appl. ser. no. 09/738,257. Accordingly, claims 1-30, which represent Group I in the parent case, are hereby canceled because they were elected in such parent application, appl. ser. no. 09/738,257. For the information of the Examiner, claims 6, 13-16, 27, 28 of the original group of claims (and new claims 48-50 that were added to account for removed multiple dependencies) were allowed in the parent application. Applicants retain the right to pursue any other appropriate claims in subsequent applications.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et. seq.* and respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. However, should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter. If any need for any fee in addition to that paid with this Preliminary Amendment is found, for any reason or at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

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